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Office Action Summary

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Glenn Richman

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-24 and 26-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 25 and 30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 21 is objected to because of the following informalities: "fame", line 5, should be "frame". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 21, 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McIntosh.

McIntosh discloses a frame, force receiving members linked to the frame for movement in closed paths relative to the frame (fig. 10), the force receiving members comprising an arm supporting member moved by an arm of the user and a leg supporting member moved by a leg of the user (fig. 10), resisting means for resisting movement of the force receiving members in the closed paths (abstract); displaying a first arrangement of first exercise performance data describing exercise performed by the user while the resisting means is providing a first level of resistance to movement of the force receiving members that is less than a threshold level (col. 6, lines 3 - et seq.); and displaying a second arrangement of second exercise performance data describing exercise performed by the user while the resisting means is providing a second level of resistance to movement of the force receiving members that is greater than the

threshold level (col. 6, lines 3 - et seq.), the first and second performance data arrangements are alternately displayed by displaying the first performance data arrangement while the resisting means is providing less than the threshold level of resistance to movement of the force receiving members, and by displaying the second exercise performance data arrangement when the resisting means is providing greater than the threshold level of resistance to movement of the force receiving members (col. 6, lines 3 - et seq.).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 22-24, 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McIntosh.

As McIntosh discloses strength exercising, and switching the level of resistances, it would obvious to have McIntosh switch the level or resistance such the user is encouraged to perform cardio exercises, as it is well known in the art, to perform cardio and strength exercises.

McIntosh further discloses the resistance to movement of the force receiving members provided by the force resisting means is switched between the first and second levels in response to user input (col. 23, lines 40 - et seq.), the resistance to movement of the force receiving members provided by the force resisting means is

switched from the first level to the second level when the user has performed a first predetermined amount of exercise activity with the resistance set at the first level (col. 23, lines 40 - et seq.), and wherein the level of resistance to movement of the force receiving members provided by the force resisting means is switched from the second level to the first level when the user has performed a second predetermined amount of exercise activity with the resistance set at the second level (col. 23, lines 40 - et seq.), the first performance data and the second performance data arrangements are concurrently displayed (col. 6, lines 3 - et seq.), adjusting appearances of the displayed first and second performance data arrangements to indicate whether the resisting means is providing less than or greater than the threshold level of resistance to movement of the force receiving members (col. 6, lines 3 - et seq.).

As for claim 29, as McIntosh discloses programming the device for a cumulative amount of exercise to be performed by the user in a certain range (col. 32, lines 50 - et seq.), it would have been obvious to indicate a cumulative amount of exercise performed by the user providing less and providing greater than the threshold values, also as McIntosh discloses indicating the completed routine by the user (col. 6, lines 3- et seq.).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 25 and 30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn Richman whose telephone number is 571-272-4981. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LoAn Thanh can be reached on (571)272-4966. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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